

## Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A Regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at the Troy Community Center. Chairman David Ogg called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

**Present:** David Ogg, Chairman                      Jo Rhoads, Member  
Ed Forst, Vice-Chairman                      Jane Crowe, Member  
Bill Weisgerber, Member                      Merrill Dixon, Member  
Steven Banch, Member                      Carla Vaughan, Staff  
JoAnn Thompson, Member

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Paula Fleming, Mary Kerwin, Carl Simmons, Danny Bogush

**Approval of Minutes**

Resolution # SC-2003-10-001  
Moved by Jo Rhoads  
Seconded by Jane Crowe

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Sept. 4, 2003 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 9  
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Addition of Goals of Meeting Item to Agenda**

Resolution # SC-2003-10-002  
Moved by Bill Weisgerber  
Seconded by: None

MOTION DENIED

**Addition of September 22 Council Meeting Item to Agenda**

Resolution # SC-2003-10-003  
Moved by Bill Weisgerber  
Seconded by Marie Hoag

RESOLVED, That an item about the September 22 Council meeting be added to the agenda under new business at Bill Weisgerber's request.

Yes: 9

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Addition of Promotion of Meetings and Cable TV Viewing of Meetings Item to Agenda**

Resolution # SC-2003-10-004

Moved by Bill Weisgerber

Seconded by Ed Forst

RESOLVED, That an item about the promotion of meeting attendance and cable TV viewing of meetings be added to the agenda under new business at Bill Weisgerber's request.

Yes: 9

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Addition of Troy Citizens Academy Item to Agenda**

Resolution # SC-2003-10-005

Moved by Bill Weisgerber

Seconded by JoAnn Thompson

RESOLVED, That an item about the Troy Citizens Academy be added to the agenda under new business at Bill Weisgerber's request.

Yes: 9

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Visitor Comments**

Mary Kerwin commented that she and Paula Fleming were attending the meeting again this month to help establish a link between the seniors and the school district.

**Old Business:**

**Troy Daze Parade:** Bill Weisgerber led a discussion about senior involvement in the Troy Daze Parade and Senior Sensation Day. The following items were discussed: the confusion about where to park for the parade, how to pay for signs for the parade, seating in the tent for lunch for Senior Sensation Day, table covers for lunch, signs for parking, and a sign outside the tent for identification.

**Letter of Appreciation to Carl Simmons:** David Ogg will send thank you letters to the appropriate people involved in Troy Daze.

**Civic Center Task Force:** David Ogg reported that there are 13 people on the committee and they will prioritize what the public wants based on the money available and whether or not some of the land is sold. An outdoor skating rink and sled hill are high on the list.

### **New Business**

**September 22 Council Meeting:** Bill Weisgerber encouraged everyone to watch a tape of the meeting and commented that there does not yet seem to be a policy regarding fees for senior programs.

**Promotion of the Senior Advisory Meetings and Cable TV Showings of the Meetings:** Bill Weisgerber led a discussion about how to increase awareness of the committee and what it does. Business cards will be made up for committee members to hand out that tell when and where the meetings are and when they are shown on cable TV.

**Citizens Academy:** Bill Weisgerber suggested that committee members would benefit from attending the Citizens Academy. JoAnn Thompson reported that she has already attended and it was very interesting. David Ogg is attending now.

### **Reports**

**Park Board:** Merrill Dixon reported that the Park Board discussed the proposal by the Rotary Club to build an accessible playground, where to locate a cricket field, and their association with the Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

**Medi-Go:** Jo Rhoads handed out new Medi-Go Plus brochures and said that they are considering adding trips to support groups as one of their destinations.

**Lunch Attendance:** There were **1232** meals served on **22** days at the Community Center in **July**. The average donation was **\$1.70**. **1583** homebound meals were delivered. There were **1241** meals served on **21** days at the Community Center in **August**. The average donation was **\$1.77**. **1592** homebound meals were delivered. Carla reported that in order to control the number of signs posted in the building, the building supervisor would rather not post another copy of the menu outside the dining room since it is already posted by the other door. 360 seniors in 24 different groups that meet either right before or right after lunch were surveyed about their preferences regarding the time to serve lunch. 137 responses were received. 24% would like to go back to serving lunch at noon and calling numbers. 46% preferred keeping the cafeteria line open over a period of time as we are doing now. 5% suggested a slight variation on the time. And 25% indicated that they would not eat here regardless of the time, mainly due to the fact that

they are on a special diet or they do not find the food appealing. Based on these findings, we have decided to keep the lunch line open from 11:45-12:30 pm and call table numbers on Fridays only.

**Senior Program Report:** Carla reported that Creative Endeavors is up to 87 vendors and is now open on Monday evenings. A \$600 donation was received for marketing for the store. There are 240 seniors enrolled in senior fitness classes this fall plus another 60 to 80 who attend drop-in fitness classes. 45 seniors came to the Community Center to have documents shredded at a free program last Monday. The hours for the drop-in computer lab have expanded from 6 to 9 hours per week and include one and one-half hours that will be staffed by students from Athens High School's Project LEAD. We offer classes 12 to 16 hours per week. Bill Weisgerber asked about identifying donors to the senior program.

**OLHSA:** JoAnn Thompson reported that she did not attend the last meeting as she was attending a training program, but she is now certified by the Karmanos Institute as a breast cancer speaker and is available to speak.

### **Suggestions**

David Ogg received a suggestion about starting a woodworking shop. Carla will investigate.

### **Member Comments**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ogg, Chairman

Carla Vaughan, Secretary